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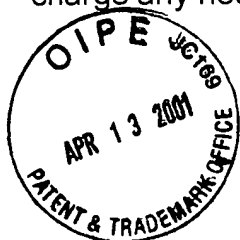
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and the means of complying with that duty according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants call the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Under 35 U.S.C. § 120, this application relies on the earlier filing date of application serial number 09/245,229, filed on February 5, 1999. These references were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in the prior application and, therefore, are not provided in this application. Applicants request that the

Examiner consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality.

The Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such fees are necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.



Respectfully submitted,

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